

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended): A toner comprising a colored resin particle and an external additive,

wherein said external additive comprises a silica fine particle (A) having

a  $Dv50/Dv10$  of  $[[1.8]] \geq$  or more, in which  $Dv10$  represents a particle diameter at which a volume cumulative total from small particle diameter side is 10% and  $Dv50$  represents a particle diameter at which the mentioned volume cumulative total is 50%,

a volume average particle diameter in the range from 0.1 to 1.0 $\mu$ m,

a sphericity in the range from 1 to 1.3, and

wherein the silica fine particle (A) ~~has a  $Dv50/Dv10$  of 2 or more,~~ is nonconductive.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Original): The toner according to claim 1,

wherein the silica fine particle (A) has an volume average particle diameter in the range from 0.1 to 0.5 $\mu$ m.

4. (Original): The toner according to claim 1,

wherein the silica fine particle (A) has an appearance bulk density in the range from 50 to 250g/l.

5. (Original): The toner according to claim 1,  
wherein the silica fine particle (A) has an appearance bulk density in the range from 80 to 200g/l.

6. (Original): The toner according to claim 1,  
wherein the silica fine particle (A) is produced by a melting method.

7. (Original): The toner according to claim 1,  
wherein the external additive further comprises a silica fine particle (B) having a volume average particle diameter in the range from 5 to 80nm.

8. (Original): The toner according to claim 1,  
wherein the external additive further comprises a silica fine particle (B) having a volume average particle diameter in the range from 7 to 30nm.

9. (Original): The toner according to claim 8,  
wherein the external additive further comprises a conductive inorganic fine particle (C) having a number average particle diameter in the range from 0.01 to 2 $\mu$ m.

10. (Original): The toner according to claim 8,

wherein the external additive further comprises a conductive inorganic fine particle having a number average particle diameter in the range from 0.03 to 1 $\mu$ m.

11. (Original): The toner according to claim 1,  
wherein the colored resin particle has a volume average particle diameter  $D_v$  in the range from 3 to 15 $\mu$ m.

12. (Original): The toner according to claim 1,  
wherein the colored resin particle has a ratio ( $D_v/D_p$ ), of a volume average particle diameter ( $D_v$ ) to a number average particle diameter ( $D_p$ ), in the range from 1.0 to 1.3.

13. (Original): The toner according to claim 1,  
wherein the colored resin particle has a sphericity from 1.0 to 1.3.

14. (Original): The toner according to claim 1 further comprises a parting agent.

15. (Original): The toner according to claim 14,  
wherein the parting agent is a synthetic wax or a polyfunctional ester compound.

16. (Original): The toner according to claim 1 further comprises a charge control agent.

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17. (Original): The toner according to claim 16,  
wherein the charge control agent is a charge control resin having a weight average  
molecular weight in the range from 2,000 to 50,000.